

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SPECIAL SESSION

Held: January 26, 2012

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in special session at 5:30PM in the Township Hall. Dale Factor called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Billie Dearlove	Absent	Robert Coleman	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Dale Factor	Present

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss concerns regarding the Thorn Township Fire Department.

Trustee Coleman stated the following concerns:

- He had contacted Mark Holdcroft twice to get the records of the fire department accounts which were being used under the township tax identification number and had not received a response. Trustee Coleman indicated that he will not call Mark again but will wait until the regular meeting in February 2012 to discuss appropriate action.
- Trustees discussed a time frame of 24 hours to receive any documentation requested of the fire department.
- Submitted a copy of O.R.C. section indicating that a fire department should be a political subdivision.
- Trustee Coleman felt the chief is responsible to provide the requested information.
- Inquired as to why a chief was appointed that could not be in attendance at the regular monthly meeting.
- Why have a least 6 volunteers have quit after the appointment of Duane Moore as chief.
- Why did the chief have no evaluation after the 6 month probation period beginning 12/6/10?
- Questions and concerns regarding names and addresses being changed on the Lowe's account, broken winch on the brush truck and required classes had not been taken. Why was no action taken?

Trustee Wilson stated the following concerns:

- Asked why the fire chief is not held accountable for his actions. Trustee Wilson believes the following violations have been made by Duane Moore:
- Not getting certifications that he agreed to when he was appointed.
- Changed names and addresses on Lowe's account.
- Ordered by Trustees to make a phone call to Fiscal Officer Dearlove
- Did not follow by-laws in appointing an officer.
- Was aware that donations to the fire department were put into accounts that were under false tax identification numbers.
- Had taken B-291 grass truck to his personal residence and broke the winch on the truck. He later turned in a bill for the township to pay. Trustee Wilson asked Trustee Factor twice if he had any knowledge about this and Trustee Factor replied that he did not know of this incident.
- Has told other firefighters that they are not permitted to talk or discuss anything with the Trustees.
- Did not get the by-laws to Trustees after he was told to do so by the June 2011 regular meeting.
- Rick stated that there was a second account that was in Peoples Bank in Thornport in Dave Lyle's name. Dale attempted to call Dave to get more information on this.

Trustee Factor:

- Trustee Factor asked if anyone had been in contact with Prosecuting Attorney Joseph Flautt to find out what the rights and responsibilities concerning donations to the fire department. Trustee Coleman indicated that he did not feel that was necessary. Trustee Factor advised that the fire department is in the process of obtaining their own taxpayer identification number and working with an attorney through the Ohio Firefighters Association in doing this.

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A special meeting to meet with Duane Moore was set for 1/30/12.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned..

Absent

Billie Dearlove

Dale Factor

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman